

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-18 (**cancelled**).

Claim 19 (**currently amended**): A method of ~~preventing or treating or reducing~~  
the extent of atherosclerosis in a warm-blooded animal in need thereof, which comprises  
administering to said animal an effective amount of a combination comprising  
candesartan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and rosuvastatin or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 20-23 (**cancelled**).

Claim 24 (**withdrawn**): A method of treating atherosclerosis in a warm-blooded  
animal in need thereof by inhibition of expression of CD40 and/or metalloproteinases  
(MMPs), which comprises administering to said animal a combination comprising  
candesartan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and rosuvastatin or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 25 (**cancelled**).

Claim 26 (**withdrawn**): A method of treating atherosclerosis in a warm-blooded  
animal in need thereof by inhibition of expression of LOX-1, which comprises  
administering to said animal a combination comprising candesartan or a pharmaceutically  
acceptable salt thereof and rosuvastatin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.